

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 17 and 18 have been amended and are pending in this application.

Claims 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Allison (U.S. Patent No. 6,26,722) in view of Proehl (U.S. Patent No. 6,532,589).

Amended independent claim 18 now recites in part the following:

in response to a determination that a date on the [displayed] calendar [which includes a plurality of dates] has been selected, creating a selected date display for the selected date and displaying the created selected date display on the display screen;

determining whether a request for the EPG information has been made while the selected date display is being displayed on the display screen;

in response to a determination that the request for the EPG information has been made while the selected date display is being displayed on the display screen, creating an EPG display for the selected date and displaying the created EPG display on the display screen;

determining whether a request for a viewing or recording reservation of a desired program or programs has been made while the EPG display is being displayed on the display screen;

in response to a determination that the request for the viewing or recording reservation of the desired program or programs has been made while the EPG display is being displayed on the display screen, accepting a viewing reservation schedule for the desired program or programs;

(Independent claim 18 (emphasis added); independent claim 17 contains similar limitations). The above-identified features are believed to be described in the present application in Figs. 2-4 and 6-7 and the corresponding portions of the specification of the present application. Advantageously, in accordance with

the claimed invention, a user may easily input a viewing or recording reservation for a desired program for a selected date by selecting the selected date on a displayed calendar, which causes display of a selected date display; requesting EPG information while the selected date display is being displayed, which causes display of an EPG display for the selected date; and requesting a viewing or recording reservation of the desired program while the EPG display is being displayed. (See specification, for example, at paragraphs [0100] and [0125]).

The Examiner admitted that Allison does not disclose determining whether a request for EPG information has been made, and accepting a viewing/recording schedule for a desired program. In addition, Allison does not appear to disclose or suggest determining whether a request for EPG information has been made while a selected date display, which is created in response to a determination that a date in a calendar has been selected, is being displayed, and determining whether a request for a viewing or recording reservation of a desired program has been made while an EPG display for the selected date, which is created in response to a determination that a request for EPG information has been been made while the selected date display is being displayed, is being displayed, as required by the claimed invention.

The applied portions of Proehl, which appear to disclose displaying a calendar for a plurality of days or a selected day which includes scheduling information for broadcast activity previously selected by a user, do not cure the deficiencies of Allison with respect to the requirements of the claimed invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that claims 17-18 are distinguishable over the applied combination of Allison and Proehl.

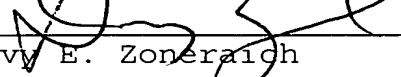
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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